

TO: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

FROM: Hawaii Food Industry Association, Lauren Zirbel – Executive Director

RE: Bill 10 Relating to the use of bags provided to customers.

Instead of implementing a ban on plastic bags, please support assessing a fee on all single use bags, whether paper or plastic. This will surely encourage consumers to reduce the use of both paper and plastic single use bags and bring their own reusable bags when shopping. At the same time, it allows the City to generate much needed funds to support worthwhile activities and projects.

Without a fee on paper, a plastic bag ban bill will result in consumers using more paper bags. More bulk in landfills. In addition, paper bags can cost much more than plastic bags, eventually resulting in higher prices for the consumer.. There is little upside for the environment.

If we want to encourage reusable bag use, a fee is a good way to do so. A plastic bag ban does not accomplish this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Please oppose Bill 10 – it is definitely not the best way to change consumer behavior and improve the environment.

Thank you very much!

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